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Sir:

Enclosed is the English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability related to the above-identified 35 U.S.C. §371 National Phase Application based on PCT/EP2004/010837.

Prompt examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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